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Damages by floods and cyclone in Wandiwash and Cheyyar taluks.

* 202-A Q.—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the extent of the damage done to huts, lands, tanks, crops, livestock, human lives, by the floods and cyclone in the Wandiwash and Cheyyar taluks of the North Arcot district;

(*b*) what steps have been taken by the Government for the relief of the distressed;

(*c*) whether the hon. Member will be pleased to lay on the table of the House, the reports of the Board of Revenue and the Collector, if any, thereon; and

(*d*) whether he proposes to institute an enquiry or ask the Board of Revenue to institute an enquiry as to the exact relief that has to be given—

(1) by way of remission and suspension of revenue for total or partial failure of crops;

(2) by way of advances or loans to cultivators and to the people who have been rendered homeless or whose lands have been adversely affected?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) Copies [a] of the Collector's reports and of the references received from the Board of Revenue on the subject are attached. The Government have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 1,250 for the relief of distress as recommended by the Collector.

(*d*) The Government have called for a detailed report on the subject.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I know, what is the basis on which the Collector recommended only Rs. 1,250?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I must ask for notice, Sir."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"In the appendix the last sentence of paragraph 6 says 'I shall report on these particulars in detail after the Christmas holidays'. May I know whether any such report has been received since then?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I do not think the report has been received yet."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I know what is the cause of this inordinate delay?"

Damages by floods to tanks in North Arcot district.

* 202-B Q.—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of tanks in each taluk of the North Arcot district including the Arni jaghir that were breached by the recent cyclone and heavy rains in the district;

(*b*) what steps were taken till now by the departments concerned for the early closing up of the tanks;

(*c*) whether any estimate of the total cost to be incurred has been submitted to Government;

(*d*) whether the Collector of the district has personally visited the flood-affected area and submitted any report;

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 510—546 infra.